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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Shinichiro CHOJI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3795
Serial No.: 09/996,572 : Group Art Unit: 3727
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For: STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF INSERT MOLD

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Official Action of September 4, 2003, restriction was required between claims 1-10, drawn to an insert mold structure and claims 11-19, drawn to an insert mold method.

In response to this requirement, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-10, drawn to an insert mold structure.


The Official Action also required election between the patentably distinct species identified as those of Group A where the second part is metal and Group B where the second part is plastic. In response to this requirement, Applicants elect the species of Group A where the second part is metal. Claims 1-4 and 10 are readable on the elected invention. Further, claims 1 and 10 are generic to the elected invention as noted by the Examiner.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and action on the merits is now in order.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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